

TALKED REGISTRY

Senator Waterhouse Calls for Correspondence With U. S.

AALA AND MAKIKI PARK BILL

Expenses of President to Washington—House Discusses Wide Tire Act.

SENATE.

Forty-eighth Day, April 12.

The Committee on Commerce are of the opinion that the bill introduced to exempt grape vines and grounds from taxation for ten years will not properly encourage the cultivation of grapes in this country. For this reason they recommend the indefinite postponement of the bill submitted to them and advise that Act 32 of the Provisional Government be amended to properly encourage grape culture.

Senator Waterhouse believes that the registry of vessels bill now in the Senate is unjust in some particulars. The two years' limit of incorporation for ability to secure registration is one of these. The Senator has lived in Honolulu nearly 30 years but his business house has been incorporated less than two years, and were the proposed law enacted he would be unable to secure registration for vessels until the expiration of the time limit. Other corporations and business concerns are in a similar position. For this reason the Senator opposed the bill when it came up for third reading and secured postponement until Wednesday. On the Senator's motion a resolution was adopted requesting the Government to furnish the Senate copies of all the correspondence with the United States on the subject of Hawaiian registry of vessels.

Minister Admon reported that demands to the amount of \$6,782.75 properly verified had been presented and paid from the \$10,000 appropriated to defray the expenses of President Dole and suite to Washington. The balance has been turned into the treasury.

The House bill relating to street grades and sidewalks in Honolulu and Hilo passed second reading.

At 10:20 o'clock the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

The first business of the morning was the consideration in second reading of Senate Bill 7, while the act. Rep. Isenberg moved for indefinite postponement. This was lost. The second section reads as follows: "The front and rear axles of all vehicles mentioned in this act shall differ in length so that in progressing along a straight course the hind wheels shall not pass over the same ground passed over by the front wheels." Rep. Achi, referring to this asked how the thing would work with a cane wagon? How could a carriage be turned around when built upon such a plan? Reps. Paris and Achi announced the receipt of letters from Hawaii protesting against the bill. Rep. Paris said that the time limit should be set at three years. Within that time everyone could fall in line. The vote on the amendment of Rep. Paris setting the limit at 1901 instead of 1900, stood 6 to 5. The Vice-Speaker voted for the amendment. The bill then passed second reading unanimously. Third reading set for Thursday.

Under suspension of rules Minister Damon read his bill relating to the withdrawal from the Custom House, free of duty of alcohol for the exclusive use of the Queen's Hospital. Passed first reading.

Senate bill 19, relating to parks at Aala and Makiki, read first time and passed. Under suspension of rules the bill was read second time by title and referred to a special committee of three, as follows: Robertson, Achi and Gear.

Rep. Isenberg reported as follows for the committee to whom was referred the powder magazine matter:

"We the committee to whom was referred the resolution regarding the powder magazine, wish to report that we have carefully considered the matter and would recommend that the powder magazine be removed to the Government reef below the old leper hospital as far out as possible and that the sum of \$7,500 be appropriated for a 100 ft. square with a 12 ft. road, leading thereon, a retaining wall for road and site, filling the road and side, material for surface of road and a magazine."

The report was laid on the table to be considered with the appropriation bill.

The committee submitted with the report, a map showing the position for the magazine, recommended by the committee.

Rep. Wilder presented two reports on House bills 59 and 61, recommending simply that they pass. Rep. Robertson said the reports should show some reason for the recommendation. The Vice-Speaker agreed with Rep. Robertson and referred the reports back to the committee. Rep. Richards appealed from the ruling of the chair but received no support.

Rep. Kaala's request for a week's leave of absence, was granted.

House bill 63, relating to disposition of school tax, read third time and passed unanimously.

House bills 67, 68, 69 and 70 were read second time by title and referred to various committees.

Rep. Robertson introduced the fol-

lowing resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the frequent absence of certain members from the sessions of this House is detrimental to the public interests and derogatory to the dignity of the House."

"Resolved, That the clerk furnish a copy of this resolution to each member enjoining Representatives Achi, Wilder, Atkinson, McCandless, Kaeo, Gear, Robertson, Kaala and Kaulukou." House adjourned at 12 noon.

SENATE.

Forty-ninth Day, April 13.

The Senate passed the registry of vessels bill. Senator Waterhouse moved to indefinitely postpone. On this motion he was supported by Senators Rice and Kaulukou. His motion was lost and Senator Baldwin's motion to pass the bill at third reading, carried. The vote on this motion was the same as on the motion to indefinitely postpone. Minister Cooper replied to the request of the Senate for all correspondence with the United States on the subject of registry of vessels. The Minister read a letter from Minister Sewall, sent at the time of the China case, asking for a statement of the position of the Government on the subject. There was no other correspondence with a foreign country. Minister Cooper then stated the condition under the present registry law. In 1893 orders were issued to discontinue issuing provisional registers. There had never been a law to issue these registers. In July last, when news was received that the annexation treaty had been sent to the Senate, instructions were sent to the Consul General at San Francisco to communicate with the consuls to issue no registers. Within a few days he received a communication from Minister Hatch in Washington advising that instructions issue to consuls to the same effect.

Minister Hatch had been approached by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce who regretted that there was no clause in the annexation treaty to prevent further registration of Hawaiian vessels. Minister Sewall also communicated with the department, and had announced that he had heard from the Chairman of the Commerce Committee calling attention to the absence of any registry regulation in the treaty.

Minister Cooper said the policy of the Government has been in accord with the wishes of the friends of Hawaii. Annexation was by no means assured and it was ill-timed to say Hawaii should show her independence. If annexation should fail the Republic would get enough of independence.

The emergency bridge and road bill passed third reading as did also the House bill defining highways and requiring abutting owners to build sidewalks.

The loss and the special appropriation bills passed second reading. The Public Lands Committee reported on several items, among which was an adverse report on the Diamond Head lighthouse. The item of \$1500 to complete the structure was increased by \$2500 with directions to build a stone or brick foundation, allowing the iron supports to stand. An item of \$36,000 was added and sent to the Public Lands Committee for a new road on Maui.

House bills relating to the disposition of the school tax, the duty on sake and claims against real estate passed first reading, the last named going to the Printing Committee.

At 11:45 the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Rep. Robertson reported for the Judiciary Committee, on House Bill 66, amending Chapter 9 of the Penal Code as follows:

"The only amendment contained in the bill to the existing law, is to add after the word 'imprisonment' the words 'at hard labor.' We find that imprisonment without labor is a rare provision in our laws, inconsistent with the present system of criminal administration, and believe that omission from the Penal Code of the words supplied by this bill was an accident."

Laid on the table to be considered with the bill.

With a smile on his face Rep. Richards introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, that the absence and tardiness of certain members from the sessions of this House is detrimental to the public interests and derogatory to the dignity of the House."

Resolved, that the clerk furnish a copy of this resolution to Representatives Robertson, Kaeo, Atkinson, Wilder and Achi.

As it happened, the representatives mentioned were absent when the resolution was written. When the vote to adopt the resolution was taken, Reps. Robertson and Kaeo were absent. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 7 to 5.

Rep. Robertson presented a resolution for the Judiciary Committee as follows:

Resolved, that the following items be appropriated in Senate Bill No. 3 from the public treasury to reimburse persons from whom taxes have been collected upon property for which taxes had previously been collected as follows:

RETURN OF DOUBLE TAXES.
1. Bruce Cartwright.....\$ 48
2. Mrs. M. A. Almeida.....318
\$366

Referred to the Finance Committee. Notice was given of intention to introduce the following:

Isenberg—"An act to prohibit the erection of barbed wire fences and the placing of barbed wire upon fences in certain places."

Loebenstein—"An act amending Section 7 of Chapter 35, Session Laws of 1888 and Section 11 of Chapter 45, Session Laws of 1890, both being acts to amend and consolidate the law relating to pounds, estrays, brands and marks," approved respectively the 11th

day of August, 1888, and the 24th day of October, 1890."

Gear—"An act to amend Section 41 of Act 31 of the Session Laws of 1890, relating to notice of increase of assessment of taxes."

The reports of both the majority and minority of the Public Lands Committee on Senate Bill 13, relating to estrays recommending that the same be laid on the table and indefinitely postponed, respectively, were read. Both were laid on the table to be considered with the bill.

The majority report was as follows: "The object of the bill is to extend the law with reference to the taking up estrays found upon Government roads, now confined to Honolulu, throughout the country."

"We believe that the passage of the bill would work a hardship upon the graziers in many of the districts where large tracts of pasture land are unfenced, and also in cases where the roads run through pasture tracts. It would be unreasonable to force the owners of large tracts of land through which a road runs to fence along both sides of the road in order to save their stock from being impounded."

"Further, experience shows that cattle frequently work their way through the fences, and should they do so with this bill in force as law they be taken up and impounded to the inconvenience and expense of the owners, notwithstanding there is no harm done to any body."

"While it is well enough to have such a law for populous towns, we see no good reason for extending it to pastoral districts."

The minority report was of the same nature.

House Bill 60, relating to the importation and sale of opium read third time and further consideration deferred one week from date.

Senate Bill 24 read second time by title and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

House Bill 71, relating to withdrawal of alcohol for the Queen's Hospital, read by title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

House Bill 66, relating to assault and battery, read second time and passed. Third reading set for Wednesday.

Second reading of Senate Bill 13, relating to pounds and estrays. Majority report recommending that the bill be laid on the table, adopted.

Rep. Gear addressed the following questions to the acting Minister of the Interior: Will you kindly furnish the House of Representatives with a list of the bidders and the amounts bid for excavating the hard coral in a slip to be constructed in the harbor of Honolulu (Richards street slip)?

Also kindly give the reason for not awarding the contract to the lowest bidder.

Will you also state how much has been expended for such excavating up to March 31st, 1898, and how much the Superintendent of Public Works estimates will be required to finish said excavating in accordance with the specifications required for those submitting tenders for such work.

Also please state what time limit if any was required from those submitting tenders for such work and what time the Superintendent of Public Works estimate will be required to complete said work.

DIED ABOARD SHIP.

A Young Priest Succumbs En Route to the Hospital.

Just after leaving Lahaina yesterday morning, Father Aloysius Lortean, a priest of the Order of the Sacred Heart, died on the Mauna Loa. He was only 26 years of age, and his work was just beginning to tell.

Father Aloysius came here two and one-half years ago. He was a devout novice, and went to Hilo immediately after his arrival, to spend a year in deep study. He then returned to Honolulu, was ordained and sent to Honaunau in South Kona, there to work among the people. He did well and gained many friends. A year ago he preached a sermon here in native.

His health began to fail him a short time ago, and an attack of pneumonia coming on, he was ordered to the hospital in Honolulu. He died as already detailed. Father Victor, who accompanied him, was by his side when the last spark of life disappeared.

Upon arrival, the body was placed in charge of undertaker Ed. A. Williams. The funeral will take place from the Catholic cathedral this morning.

At 8 a. m. there will be a high requiem mass by the bishop.

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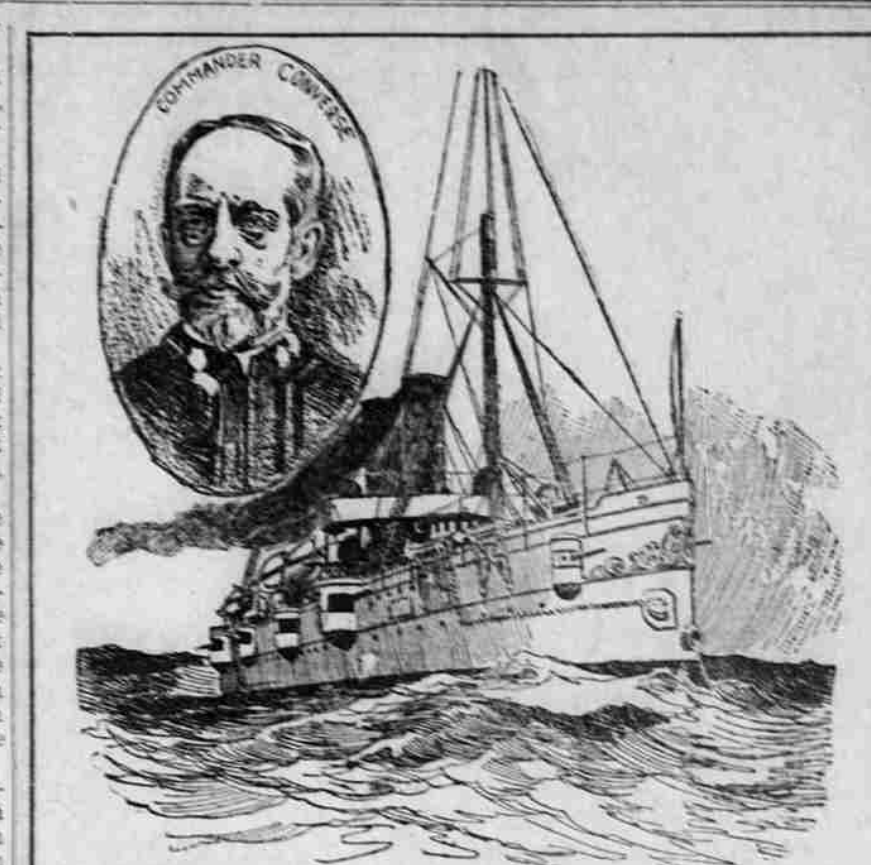
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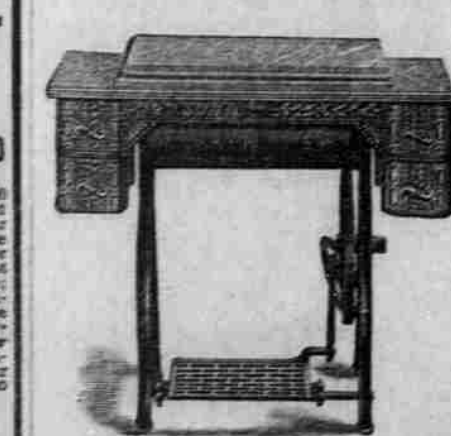
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